Nov 1971

Mr. Eric Newman
6450 Cecil Pl.
St. Louis, Mo.

Dear Mr. Newman,

Some months ago I requested the American Numismatic Society to photocopy their copy of "Hodges American Bank Note Safeguard" (1864) in reference to the Missouri notes. I recently received the copies and found they sent me two copies of each page (plus the face page). I thought perhaps you could use a copy of some for your work on the Missouri notes - on the other hand, perhaps you have this already.

I also wish to thank you for signing my application to the A.N.S. which was accepted.

Respectfully -

Joseph B. Vacca M.D.

JOSEPH B. VACCA M.D.
1489 MINMAR DR.
ST. LOUIS, MO. 63122.

December 8, 1971

Dear Doctor Vacca,

Thank you for the photocopy of the 1864 Hodges. When we get together we will discuss all of these publications.

I have a lovely group of them in my library.

Thank you for thinking of me.

Sincerely,

From the desk of
ERIC P. NEWMAN

6/19/74

Mr. Eric Newman –
6450 Beil –
St. Louis, Mo.

Dear Eric –

Well, a lot of time has passed and we still haven't gotten together about the Missouri currency!

I would sure like to do so – as far as I'm concerned, probably Tuesday (my day off) or an evening (other than Wednesday – I work late in office) or a Sunday (I'm off every other one) would be good time. If you work this into your schedule, please let me know.

I am interested in all the Missouri items but especially

in these earlier notes such as the Territorial Bank of St. Louis and Bank of Missouri -

Perhaps this could lead to a very worthwhile article on the notes of these banks - the types, variations, background, etc -

Respectfully -

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ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri

July 18, 1974

Dr. Joseph B. Vacca
1489 Minmar Drive
St. Louis, Missouri 63122

Dear Joe:

I have been thinking over matters relating to Missouri currency since I received your letter of June 19, 1974. I have always wanted to write a book on Missouri currency, or at least a listing of all known items. It would be fun to talk about this matter as well as to examine items in our respective collections.

Ron Horstman really built a fire under me by locating at the Missouri Historical Society a day book of a bank dated 1819 which they had under Bank of Edwardsville. I have not seen it, but from a telephone conversation, I believe it is from Missouri and that it is the oldest bank record of the west. If that is correct I will have the Missouri Historical Society publish it and material about it in their bulletin. Right now I am revising one of my books for republication, but let's get together and see what our thinking leads to.

Kindest regards,

Eric P. Newman

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Telephone (314) 781-7685

March 16, 1976

J. B. Vacca
1489 Minmar
St. Louis, Missouri
63122

Dear Dr. Vacca:

I understand that my attorney clarified for you in a letter the difference between consignment and bailment, therefore I need not discuss the robbery with you any further.

I believe I have now sold enough of your material to settle matters with you. I am returning now all of the material you returned to me in September except for the Neosho, Mo. note which was $150, and a Montanna check for $10. You admitted to me in your September letter that you owed me $629 on the material.

I have sold of yours, (3) 1928 $5, F.R. unc. $150, (4) 1928 $5, F.R. VERY fine $60, (4) 1928A $5 F.R. unc. $160, and (1) 1928A $5 F.R. very fine $10. Four sets of Doe Run, Mo. notes $40, and one sheet of Mo. civil war notes $90.

$629	balance owed me	
420		
-42	minus 10% commission	
378	material of yours sold	
150	Mo. note	no commission as I took these three items for my own collection.
528		
100	Mo. sheet and Montanna check	
$628		

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Therefore, to settle matters completely between us, you owe me $1.00.

Please find enclosed (4) 1928A $5, F.R. notes, unc. and (4) that are very fine which I was not able to sell.

Sincerely,

Lawrence Marsh

Lawrence Marsh

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis, Missouri 63105

December 11, 1980

Dr. Joseph Vacca
1489 Minmar
St. Louis, MO 63122

Dear Joe:

Thank you for your letter postmarked 12/9/80.

If you do not get the $20,000 advance, or if you cannot work out a satisfactory arrangement with NASCA, please get back to me.

If they advance you $30,000 then how are they certain that they will realize that much or make a profit? Do they bid against the regular bidders?

After you offered the collection to me without a list and I made the photocopies for you I thought you would give me the opportunity to buy some after I assured you the deposit. NASCA certainly didn't buy the collection.

I abhor "bartering" too, but there would have been none in dealing with me.

Best wishes,

Eric P. Newman

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[12/15/1980]

Eric —

Found these in box with xerox copies — Thought you made need them —

Joe

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★ Includes material formerly in Chase Manhattan Bank's Money Museum collection, Colonel Grover Criswell collection (author, recent president A.N.A.;many of "plate notes" illustrated in his books on the subject); and other fine private collections.

★ Seller's reference and research material will be available to buyer to use and/or copy. Photographs of some of these items will be included in Society of Paper Money Collectors' book on this subject currently in preparation by several renowned numismatists.

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Complete list of items in this collection available to serious potential purchasers.
For further information and inspection of collection (kept in bank vault), CONTACT:

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314-966-3956 (After 6 PM CST, please.)

Currency Times Past
1606 So. Big Bend Blvd.
St. Louis, Missouri 63117

Dr. J. B. Vacca
1489 Minmar
St. Louis, Missouri 63122

Dear Dr. Vacca:

I have been thinking of the matters between us. I certainly want to work toward solving our mutual problems in a proper way and will try to do whatever is fair considering both our positions.

I would suggest that you take whatever tax deduction you can on your robbery loss. We will do the same on our robbery loss. I do not feel that I have any responsibility to you on your robbery loss as I exercised due care with your items which were on consignament. I naturally felt very badly about the occurence and previously offersd you $100.00 credit against future purchases just to cooperate with you. Unfortunatly, that did not appeal to you.

After the robbery you returned items which you had previously bought from me and I am not in a financial position to refund the balance which you owed on them and which you agreed to pay when you bought them. I will certainly try to sell them for you so as to offset what you owe me and do expect a modest commission when I resell them.

I still have on consignment from you for sale a number of items and I'll try to sell these for you also. I do not feel it is right for me to return the consigned items when you owe me money, and the consignment items are one of the ways in which I can accumulate enough to offset what you owe me. When I sell enough of all the items to cover your account I'll

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return what remains or keep on selling them for your account. I realize all this does not help your financial situation now but that is something which surprised me completely as I had full confidence in your ability to pay or I would not have let your account run along in such an informal manner.

Please look at this situation from my point of view and I think you will realize that what I suggest will solve our problems in a reasonable manner. I will work at it as rapidly as I can.

Sincerely,

Larry Marsh

Eric —

As you can see from the enclosed "flyer" I am being forced to sell my collection — I have to raise some $20,000.00 by 26 Dec. to pay some notes due on the farm I bought 2 yr. ago and which has been a financial disaster for me — a case of not enough capital to afford it unless it were making money which it was not and then my son "pulling out" and now no income but expenses continue. My resources are gone with the exception of this and my World's Fair collection!

I assure you that I am now in the process of carefully listing all of the items and will photograph the entire collection before it is sold — as I promised — for the SPMC book etc. As you suggested, I am photographing all with cover of non-glare glass with ruler etc. to insure

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best possible photographs with unlimited range of use.

Respectfully —

JOSEPH B. VACCA
M.D.

PS — I am sending the flyer to various banks, bank-holding corporations, museums and historical societies, etc. — those whom I think could afford (or find ~~the~~ sponsor who could afford) to buy the entire collection at one time!

Eric —

Mrs. Stevenson reported to me that your plans have been changed so that you will be able to attend show and have your exhibit for the show —

Could you please let me know if you will have your own display case or if you will need us to provide something? If you need us to provide a case or cases (other than the standard BNA cases — 18" x 30") please let me know what you'll need and I'll locate some or have one made or locate one or more — Also any notations about shelves, size, lighting, locks etc that would be needed —

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